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Reference to: MISSION 1107-2, AIRFIELD ACTIVITY
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

BEAGLE AND FIREBAR-TYPE AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT BALKHASH AIRFIELD, AND EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED AT YENBEKSHI AIRFIELD. BOTH AIRFIELDS ARE NEAR THE USSR-CHINA BORDER.

2. LOCATION:

BALKHASH AIRFIELD IS 3 NM NNE OF BALKASH AND APPROXIMATELY 235 NM NW OF THE USSR-CHINA BORDER AT 46-53-56N 075-00-17E. YENBEKSHI AIRFIELD IS 4 NM WNW OF UCH-ARAL AND APPROXIMATELY 95 NM WNW OF THE USSR-CHINA BORDER AT 46-11-25N 080-50-50E.

3. REMARKS:

AT BALKASH AIRFIELD THE ONLY COMBAT AIRCRAFT OBSERVED PRIOR TO THIS MISSION WERE 12 FAGOT/FRESCO IN [REDACTED] THE 21 BEAGLE AND 11 FIREBAR-TYPE AIRCRAFT PRESENT ON THIS MISSION REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN BOTH NUMBER AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AT THIS INSTALLATION.

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YENBEKSHI AIRFIELD HAD A 8,355 X 105-FOOT
WNW/ESE SERVICEABLE PREPARED-EARTH RUNWAY
WITH TWO LINK TAXIWAYS AND A PARKING APRON,
A GRADED-EARTH PARALLEL TAXIWAY, TWO END
CROSSOVERS AND A GRADED-EARTH PARKING APRON
BEFORE WHEN THE ESE
END OF THE RUNWAY WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE
BEEN PAVED WITH ASPHALT. SNOW COVER PRE-
CLUDED DETERMINATION OF THE SURFACE WHEN THE
AIRFIELD WAS LAST OBSERVED IN

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4. COLLATERAL:

5. MISSION READOUT:

BALKHASH AIRFIELD -- A DISPERSAL AREA WITH
TWELVE REVETMENTS HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARALLEL
TAXIWAY, AND THE MAIN PARKING APRON IS COMPLETE. CONSTRUCTION HAS
APPARENTLY CEASED ON THE END CONNECTING LINK AND ALERT APRON AT THE SW END

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OF THE RUNWAY. AT LEAST 20 BUILDINGS ARE COMPLETE IN THE SUPPORT AREA.
OB -- 11 FIREBAR-TYPE, 21 BEAGLE (5 WITH PROBABLE WING TIP TANKS/PODS),
1 COKE, 1 CRATE, AND 2 CLOD.

YENBEKSHI AIRFIELD - THIS AIRFIELD IS BEING RENOVATED. THE 8,355-FOOT
RUNWAY IS ALMOST COMPLETELY SURFACED WITH ASPHALT. TWO END CONNECTING
AND ONE CROSSOVER LINK HAVE BEEN ADDED. FOUR DISPERSAL AREAS ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION, ONE AT THE WNW END OF THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY AND THREE
ADJACENT TO THE ESE END OF THE RUNWAY. FIFTEEN LARGE TENTS, 51
PYRAMIDAL TENTS, TWO QUONSET BUILDINGS, THREE PROBABLE BARRACKS AND
15 BUILDING FOUNDATIONS ARE DISCERNIBLE IN A NEW SUPPORT AREA JUST SOUTH
OF THE AIRFIELD. ONE HUNDRED VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARE ON
AND AROUND THE AIRFIELD.

OB -- NONE

BALKHASH AIRFIELD

YENBEKSHI AIRFIELD

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ENLARGEMENT FACTORS: 30X

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